



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Industry Preparedness Program
SITUATION REPORT



T/V *Renda* Nome Fuel Delivery

SITREP # 2

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 6:00 PM on January 6, 2012

BACKGROUND: The T/V *Renda* will deliver gasoline and diesel fuel to Nome, Alaska. Due to ice conditions, this delivery will be made under heightened alert.

The Bonanza Fuel, Inc. facility in Nome had been scheduled to receive a fuel delivery from Delta Western, Inc. during fall 2011 from a barge operating in open water. A severe storm on November 8-11, 2011 and subsequent sea ice conditions ended fuel barge operations in the area for the season before the delivery could be made. Rather than waiting until the next season, Bonanza Fuel initiated efforts for a winter delivery of fuel by contracting Vitus Marine LLC, holder of an approved state Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (ODPCP), to arrange a fuel delivery for late December or early January. Vitus Marine chartered the tank vessel (T/V) *Renda*, a double-hulled, ice-strengthened Russian tanker, to deliver approximately 1 million gallons of diesel fuel and 400,000 gallons of gasoline. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) was asked to make the cutter *Healy* available to break ice for the T/V *Renda*. Because the T/V *Renda* took on part of the fuel cargo in Dutch Harbor, a waiver to the Jones Act, which bans transport of cargo between U.S. ports by foreign-flagged vessels, was required. The Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano granted the waiver on December 30, 2011. Additional requirements for the voyage included the T/V *Renda*'s successful completion of a USCG Port State Control examination, which she passed while moored in Dutch Harbor on January 2. Also, ADEC required that the ODPCP be amended to include information specific to the T/V *Renda* and to cover ice operations. To allow the delivery to be completed before the USCG cutter (CGC) *Healy* returns to her home port, the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) modified the public comment period for the ODPCP amendment from 30 days to 7 days. After review of the application and public comments, ADEC approved the ODPCP on January 5.

VESSEL INFORMATION:

- T/V *Renda* is a 370-foot, double-hulled, Russian-registered vessel with an ice classification of UL 1 (equivalent to the Baltic Ice Class 1A).
- CGC *Healy* is a 420-foot ice breaker class boat with the capability of passing through 4.5 feet of ice at 4 knots and the ability to break through 8 feet of ice by backing and ramming.

CURRENT LOCATION: The T/V *Renda* is currently en route to Nome from Dutch Harbor. As of 12:00 PM on January 6, 2012, the T/V *Renda* is at 60 degrees 20.9 minutes north 167 degrees 58.6 minutes west, approximately 250 nautical miles from Nome.

SITUATION UPDATE: The T/V *Renda*, with assistance from the CGC *Healy*, will pass through approximately 350 miles of sea ice and is estimated to arrive at Nome on January 9.

The draft of the CGC *Healy* is too deep for her to get closer than one mile from the Nome harbor. The T/V *Renda* will proceed within its capabilities toward the harbor beyond CGC *Healy*'s limit. The tanker will be secured to shorefast ice and a 4-inch hose will be run from the tanker to the onshore marine header for fuel transfer.

Once the hose is attached and verified to be ready, the fuel will be off-loaded from the T/V *Renda* to the Bonanza Fuel tank farm. It will take approximately 36-42 hours to unload the fuel from the ship. After all the fuel has been offloaded, the T/V *Renda* will depart Nome with the help of the CGC *Healy*.

ADEC personnel are scheduled to arrive in Nome Sunday, January 8 and will conduct equipment inspections and verify all spill response assets are on standby. ADEC and USCG representatives will oversee the transfer in Nome.

WEATHER: Conditions in Nome are mostly cloudy with a high of -13 degrees and a low of -22 degrees F.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As conditions warrant.

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